

# Modal Verbs – Test

## 1. Fill in the boxes with an appropriate modal verb

- 1 We  hurry. We have plenty of time.
- 2 You  remember to write the report. The boss will be furious if you forget.
- 3 The exhibition was free so I  pay.
- 4  wear a uniform at your school?
- 5 We  wait two hours at security and nearly missed our flight.
- 6  do a lot of homework when you were at school?
- 7 I think people who live in flats  have dogs.
- 8 She's allergic to dairy products so she  eat anything made from milk.

## 3. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- 1 Officially you mustn't park here – but everyone does.  
You aren't  here.
- 2 Put that cigarette out. This is a no-smoking area.  
You . This is a no-smoking area.
- 3 I regret losing my temper last night.  
I shouldn't  last night.
- 4 You can't take flash photographs in this museum.  
Flash photography is  in this museum.
- 5 Wearing a seat belt in the back seat of the car is compulsory.  
You  in the back seat of the car.
- 6 Swimming in the lake is strictly prohibited.  
You aren't  in the lake.
- 7 Wearing a tie is optional in this restaurant.  
You don't  in this restaurant.
- 8 The best thing to do would be to get specialist advice.  
You really  specialist advice.
- 9 I must finish the sales report by Friday.  
I've  by Friday.
- 10 You don't have to bring your car – we can go in mine.  
You  – we can go in mine.

## 2. Fill in the lines with a suitable modal verb.

- 1 It isn't a good idea to go swimming after a big meal.  
You  swimming after a big meal.
- 2 Was it necessary for them to pay cash?  
Did  pay cash?
- 3 The meeting isn't obligatory.  
You  go to the meeting.
- 4 It's bad manners to talk loudly on a mobile on a train.  
People  quietly on their mobile on a train.
- 5 Lorries are not allowed to go on this road.  
Lorries  on this road.

## 4. User a Modal Verb to fill in the lines.

- 1 A Jessica's looking pleased with herself.  
B Yes. She  well in her job interview. (do)
- 2 A Where's Eve? She said to meet her just outside the tube station.  
B I suppose she  at the other entrance. (wait)
- 3 A Harry left work about a quarter of an hour ago.  
B Yes, he  here soon. It only takes 20 minutes. (be)
- 4 A How about this dress for your cousin?  
B I don't know. I've never seen her in a dress. She  it. (not like)
- 5 A My brother's in his room revising.  
B Well, he . I can hear him talking on the phone! (study)
- 6 A Jason isn't answering his phone.  
B I'm not sure, but he  it at home. He often does that. (leave)
- 7 A My secretary is off sick.  
B Well, she  anything serious. I've just seen her playing tennis. (have)
- 8 A Tony's late for the party.  
B Yes. Do you think he  about it? (forget)